

**CAR MODULATORS: SCREENING AND TREATMENT OF
HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 This invention provides methods that are useful for identifying therapeutic agents for the treatment of a CAR-mediated disorder or condition. The methods include determining whether the candidate therapeutic agent can: interact directly with CAR, modulate CAR-mediated gene expression, decrease CAR antagonist elevation of a cholesterol indicator in a mammal, or decrease a cholesterol level indicator in a mammal with a defective CAR. Also provided are CAR agonists.

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